

TOLLS REPEAL IS OBSTRUCTED IN HOUSE TODAY

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OWENS FIRES THE FIRST GUN

Speaks in Senate in Support of
Repeal; Near Filibuster in
House Delays Debate

Washington, March 26.—The Panama tolls repeal bill was obstructed in the House today by a parliamentary situation rich in motions, roll calls, demands for a quorum and all agencies of delay at the command of its opponents.

Just as both sides were prepared for beginning the struggle in the House, Fitzgerald, Democrat, fighting repeal, brought up the conference report on the urgent efficiency bill. The conference report is always in order under the rules, so that it displaced the river and harbors bill which had the right of way over the tolls bill. The conference report contains a provision for paying for the care of the Mexican refugees at Fort Bliss. That question, much disputed, caused a near filibuster and long debate. The actual debate on the Panama bill is several hours off.

The Democratic leaders abandoned the idea of only a fifteen-hour debate on the Panama tolls exemption repeal and agreed to twenty. This may bring a vote probably Saturday.

A provision in the special rule, brought on soon after the House convened, divided the time so as to give ten hours for those supporting the repeal, to be controlled by Chairman Adamson of the committee, five hours for the Democrats opposed, controlled by Loring of Michigan, four hours for the Republicans, controlled by Knowland of California, and one hour for the Progressives, controlled by Lister of Oregon.

There is a tacit understanding that the debate on adopting the special rule will be more limited than first supposed, and probably will be held to two hours or less.

Nearly one hundred speeches have been prepared on both sides. The fight promises to be the most spectacular since the administration came into power.

The president conferred with several congressmen before the House convened. Covington and Bell told him there would be a majority of at least fifty on the passage of the special rule, and 75 to 100 for adoption of the repeal.

In the Senate, Owens fired the first gun in a speech supporting the president's contention for repeal.

Senator Lewis introduced a resolution for equal tolls for all.

Senator Weeks introduced a resolution for a line of naval cruisers to carry mail, passengers and freight between the United States and South America, for the purpose of increasing trade.

Whole World Favors Repeal.

Washington, March 26.—President Wilson declared today that with the united protest of the South American press, the opinion of the entire world is unanimously in favor of the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption.

HOPEFUL OF SETTLING THE STRIKE AT DEPEW, N. Y.

Depew, N. Y., March 26.—The state board of mediation is confident of arranging a settlement of the strike at the Gould Coupler Works. Several shots were fired today. None was injured. The militia did not return the fire. Five hundred strikers marched at the funeral of Stanislaus Skolonski, shot during an attack on a work train Monday.

15-YEAR-OLD BANDIT DIES.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 26.—Ernest McWilliams, the fifteen-year-old boy, who on Tuesday fought a 45-minute gun battle with the police and received numerous wounds, died today. The boy was caught in a gun store, and the police suspected robbery. The lad, however, claimed he was there to set even with the proprietor because he was refused employment.

G. A. R. CHAPLAIN DIES.

Los Angeles, March 26.—Rev. Garrett VanHorne, former chaplain of the Illinois department of the Grand Army of the Republic, is dead. He was twice president of the Rock River Methodist Episcopal conference.

TWO-MAN BOWLING HONORS.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 26.—Neely and Vannoy, of Newark, N. J., were declared the winners of the two-man event in the American bowling conference.

YOU NAUGHTY BOY!



CONFESSION IN POLLOCK CASE IS ADMITTED

Jury to Decide Whether Promise
of Immunity Was Made

The prosecution in the Pollock murder trial gained a conditional victory in the Baraga county circuit court at L'Anse this afternoon when Judge O'Brien agreed to admit the confession of Luka Pleso, one of the defendants charged with the murder of Pollock. The confession was admitted with the provision that the jury shall determine whether it was secured through a promise.

Yesterday afternoon the federal attorneys, who are representing Pleso, charged that the confession was secured through a promise of immunity, and Judge O'Brien ruled that he would hear arguments on the subject today.

The entire morning session was occupied with the question and at 2:45, the court announced its decision. The first witness today was John Philippi, who took the stand at press time.

The prosecution is represented by Prosecuting Attorney Lucas, Special Prosecutor Nichols and Attorney Hubert Brennan, prosecutor for Baraga county. For the defense, Attorneys O. N. Hilton, Angus W. Kerr and E. A. McNally have been retained.

In his argument for the admission of the confession, Attorney Lucas declared that he told Pleso he would recommend leniency for him if he would go on the stand.

Yesterday's Witnesses.

The witnesses yesterday afternoon were Mrs. Barbara Merkle of Harrison, who saw a gang of men attacking a lone man that morning; August Matson, a newsboy, who saw Pollock and the crowd of strikers approaching each other; Willy Brenahan, another newsboy, who first saw Pollock's body; Drs. LeBlanc and Turner, who attended Pollock before his death and determined he had been shot after being knocked down; Deputy Sheriff Murphy, McCarthy and Dwyer, who found the dying Pollock; Joseph Gasparich, who saw Pleso and Mike Kneez escorting the wounded Minich to Pleso's house, and Philip Jackovich, who heard a shot but knew nothing of the case otherwise.

Mike Kneez, who is indicted for perjury as a result of this case, was called to the stand but stood on his constitutional rights. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Pleso, to whose house Minich was taken, refused to admit anything, excepting that Minich was brought to the house. They did not know who brought him or anything else in connection with the case.

Personnel of the Jury.

The jury in the case is made up as follows: Jacob Bendry, laborer, Baraga; Euclid LeDue, bank clerk, L'Anse; John Smith, farmer, Spurr; Chris Olson, watchman, Spurr; Peter E. King, farmer, Pellike; Thomas Loftquist, blacksmith, Pequaming; John Getzen, bartender, Baraga; Joseph McKindles, drayman, L'Anse; James Jackson, farmer, L'Anse; John Lyons, farmer, Covington; Ernest Draper, laborer, Baraga; Dan Shea, mill hand, L'Anse.

LIBRARY GIFTS \$4,428.241.

Carnegie Corporation Gave More Than
Half the Total in 1913.

Washington, March 26.—George F. Utley, secretary of the American Library association, announced tonight that \$4,428,241.88 was given for and to American libraries in 1913. In addition there were donated twelve sites for library buildings, ten buildings, and 168,655 volumes.

Of the total money gifts, \$2,571,812 was given by the Carnegie Corporation—\$154,683 more than in 1912. Other donors gave more than \$1,000,000 less in 1913. There were fewer comparatively large gifts, an unusually large number of gifts ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

NO APPROPRIATION FOR PRINCESS POINT PROJECT

Washington, March 26.—No chance was made in the appropriations for Michigan rivers and harbors. Congressmen Macdonald offered an amendment for an appropriation of \$138,000 to make a cut across Princess Point. He stated the improvement had been recommended by the United States army engineers, but that the favorable report had not been received by the rivers and harbors committee until after the appropriation bill had been reported to the House. He asked the chairman of the committee to consent to the adoption of the amendment, but the chairman refused. He said he had not had time to study the engineer's report.

FOUR TOBACCO COMPANIES MUST ABANDON ALLEGED MONOPOLISTIC PRACTICES.

New York, N. Y., March 26.—The four companies into which the "tobacco trust" was disintegrated by the decree of 1911 were yesterday given until next Monday to present a plan for abandoning monopolistic practices which the attorney general considers are in violation of the decree.

United States District Attorney Marshall told the attorneys for the companies today that the government intended to put an end to present conditions by injunction or other means but he postponed action until Monday at the request of the tobacco attorneys.

The government is setting upon the complaint of certain independent dealers who charge that a monopoly of the jobbing business in this district which was enjoyed by the Metropolitan Tobacco company under the old trust still exists and that independent dealers are obliged to buy their tobacco at retail rates.

The corporations represented were the American, the Liggett & Myers, the R. J. Reynolds, the P. Lorillard and the Metropolitan tobacco companies.

THREE TO EXPIATE CRIMES.

Atlanta, Ga., March 26.—The first triple execution that has taken place in Georgia in many years is to be held in the county jail here tomorrow. The condemned men are William and George Hart and Robert Paschal, all negroes. The crime for which they are to pay the death penalty was the murder of Mrs. Seth Fry near Louisville, Ga.

TWO KILLED IN COSTLY FIRE AT SIOUX CITY, IA.

Firemen Are Victims; Several Saved
by Means of Life Nets

Sioux City, Iowa, March 26.—Fire in the block at the southeast corner of Fourth and Nebraska streets today caused a loss of between three and four hundred thousand dollars. The heaviest losers were the Alderson Furniture Co., Moore Clothing Co. and Frank Hotel. A number rooming in the block were rescued by firemen. Frank Fuller and Seelye Lawton, firemen, were killed by a falling wall. Three other firemen were injured, none seriously. The dead firemen were under the wall two hours before they were missed by their comrades.

The flames broke out in a five-story building, occupied by the Alderson Furniture company, swept through the Frank Hotel, adjoining, and communicated to a three-story building on the corner occupied by the Moore Clothing company.

The occupants of the hotel were warned, and most of them escaped by the stairways. Three, however, were cut off by the flames, and were forced to leap. They were caught in firemen's nets and were uninjured. Several men and women jumped into the life nets from the third floor over the Moore store and Central bank.

Big Blaze at Estherville, Ia.

Sioux City, March 26.—Estherville, Iowa, was swept by a disastrous fire at 6 o'clock this morning, caused by an explosion of a lantern. The loss is \$125,000.

HOUSE PASSES BILL TO BAR FOREIGN CONVICT GOODS.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—After a vigorous contest the House yesterday passed a bill to bar foreign convict-made or put in made goods from competition with the products of American free labor.

The measure, which now goes to the senate, follows a bill recently passed by the house forbidding the shipment of convict-made goods in interstate commerce into states which prohibit the sale of such products in the open market.

SHOT TWO MEN IN FIGHT OVER TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.

Chicago, March 26.—"I haven't had a good night's sleep since I shot those men," said Louis Hainstrom, a negro, who surrendered today. He confessed he killed Edward Denne and wounded Earl Russell in a saloon quarrel over 25 cents on March 8.

THREE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT AT DALLAS

Dallas, Texas, March 26.—Dr. Samuel Tipton, Mrs. Katie Loving and the latter's son were killed today when their automobile swerved from the road and plunged into a forty-foot ravine. Three other occupants, two women and a man, were injured.

MORE TROUBLE LOOKED FOR IN BRITISH ARMY

Withdrawal of Guarantee Against
Fighting in Ulster May Dis-
rupt Military

FIELD MARSHAL HAS RESIGNED

No Disposition as Yet of Cases
of Gen. Gough and Other
Officers in Ireland

London, March 26.—Although it is generally conceded that Premier Asquith has regained the upper hand of parliament, the government is by no means altogether out of trouble. It has still to deal with the army officers in Ireland under the new conditions established by the government. The government has withdrawn Colonel Seely's guarantees to the army officers in Ireland that they would not be called upon to fight against the Ulstermen. Thus the situation with respect to General Gough and his 59 comrades who sent in their resignations is still in a state of suspense. General Gough declares this will mean a wholesale resignations and disruption of the army.

The Liverpool Post, Liberal, says the month of June is now given as the latest date for a general election. It estimates that as the result of intervention by King George an agreement has been reached by which the Ulstermen and Liberals by which the home rule bill and Welsh disestablishment bill will be passed with the understanding that there will be a general election.

Field Marshal French Resigns.

London, March 26.—Field Marshal French, chief general of the staff of the British army has resigned.

French was one of the signatories of the memorandum to Brigadier General Gough, guaranteeing the army officers they would not be ordered to fight the Ulstermen, and resigned because he regarded the repudiation of the document by the government as a slight upon himself.

The opinion prevails in military circles that the resignation of Lieut. Gen. Ewart also is imminent. He, too, was a joint signer with Secretary Seely of the two repudiated paragraphs that brought about the resignations of Seely and French. The principal commanding generals held a conference in the war office today. Seely and Churchill conferred with Asquith.

A news agency announced that both French and Ewart had resigned, but that the government had refused their resignations.

PLAN D. A. R. CONGRESS.

Daughters of Revolution Arrange for
Convention in Washington.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—All arrangements are now completed for the twenty-third Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which is to assemble in this city next month. The convention will be the largest in the history of the organization. The meeting will mark the close of the first year of the administration of Mrs. William Cumming Story as president general. Ten vice presidents general are to be elected at the meeting, and some spirited contests are in prospect. Several proposed amendments to the constitution of the organization are also to be considered and acted upon. The local committees are preparing an attractive program for the entertainment of the delegates.

BOOST LAKES-TO-OCEAN ROUTE.

Canadian Residents Aid Movement by
Appeal to Capital.

Windsor, Ont., March 26.—One of the largest and most influential deputations that ever waited upon the government at Ottawa left this city for the capital today in the interests of the movement for the lakes-to-the-ocean waterway. The delegation includes representative men from all over western Ontario. The chief purpose of the demonstration is to offset the attempt of the Montreal and Quebec interests to induce the government to build the Georgian Bay canal.

BOMB EXPLOSION; NONE HURT

South Norwalk, Conn., March 26.—A bomb exploded in a tenement house today and threw the occupants in a panic. Nobody was hurt. The owner is a stockholder in a silk mill whose weavers are on strike.

IS GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE.

Stillkill, Okla., March 26.—Tandy Polson, an Indian, was today sentenced to life for the murder of Patrick Dore, a politician, at Westville, Dore was a member of Roosevelt's body guard at the National progressive convention.

STATE MOTOR CAR TAX LAW DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Lansing, Mich., March 26.—The new state motor car tax law was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court today. It provided for a tax of fifty cents per horse power.

PLAN BIG AUTO TOUR IN JULY

500 Peninsula Motorists Will
Make Trip to Chicago

More than 500 automobiles including many from the copper country, containing 500 men, women and children of the upper peninsula will motor through Wisconsin on a trade extension tour to Milwaukee and Chicago in July. The tour is being given under the auspices of the Association of Cleveland Commercial Club secretaries, of which L. M. Barton of Manistique is president.

It is probable the official start will be made from Menominee and the line of cars will extend for a distance of more than ten miles. It probably will be the largest gathering of cars ever congregated for a trip of like distance. It is planned to spend about ten days between the upper peninsula and Chicago, going and coming, with two days in Milwaukee.

Arrangements are now being made by Geo. P. Chambers, secretary of the association, for hotel and garage accommodations for the tourists. It will be no easy proposition to entertain 500 people over night and extreme care will be exercised in choosing the city or cities wherein to put up.

It is proposed by the association to invite the Wisconsin state organization of commercial club executives to participate in the tour. The trip will be made for the purpose of acquainting the people of the middle west with the summer resort and automobile touring facilities of the peninsula and also Wisconsin.

15,000 EMPLOYEES LAID OFF BY PENNSYLVANIA ROAD

Philadelphia, Pa., March 26.—The Pennsylvania railroad in the last three months has laid off fifteen thousand employees in East Pittsburgh, placed forty thousand of the remaining 125,000 on shorter time, and laid off two hundred clerks in the offices here. A policy of retrenchment is being carried out.

POND WATER IS OFF.

Because of a leak in the pond water main, the water has been shut off from the territory west of Eleventh street between Elm and Pine and will be off until the leak is found and repaired. Meter Inspector Carney has completed repairs on a leak near Portland street and the water has again been turned on.

GIVE SOLDIER A MEDAL.

Lieutenant Rescued Man Wounded
Under Hot Moro Fire.

Washington, March 26.—Second Lieut. Louis C. Mosher, of the Philippine scouts, will shortly be presented with a congressional medal of honor for distinguished gallantry in action at Bugsak mountain, island of Jolo, in the Moro uprising of last summer. In the thick of the fighting at Bugsak mountain, Lieut. Mosher entered a cleared space with 25 yards of Moro trenches and in the face of a furious fire from the enemy carried a wounded soldier to safety.

QUEEN OF BULGARIA WILL VISIT THE U. S. IN MAY

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 26.—Queen Riene will leave here the third week of May for the United States. She will be the first reigning queen to visit this country. She intends to study American institutions and people, in which she is greatly interested.

SLIGHT QUAKE AT MESSINA.

Messina, Italy, March 26.—An earthquake, accompanied by a violent storm, caused a panic today among the inhabitants of this district, most of whom fled to the open country. The damage was insignificant and none was injured.

NO TRACE OF STEAMER.

Honolulu, March 26.—Search in Pearl Harbor today failed to reveal any wreckage of the Inter Island steamer Maui, which was loaded with explosives and reported blown up with a loss of thirty to forty lives. It is expected the vessel will report safely.

POPE TO HOLD CONSISTORY.

Rome, March 26.—It has been tentatively decided by the pope to hold a consistory the end of April or the beginning of May. It is assumed that about a dozen cardinals will be appointed.

GLOOM IN THE REBEL RANKS; VILLA CHECKED

He Is Believed to Have Been Re-
pulsed With Heavy Losses
Near Torreon

FEDERALS ON THE DEFENSIVE

Unofficial News Is Discouraging
to Juarez Constitutionalists
Who Fear Worst

Juarez, March 26.—An atmosphere of pessimistic anxiety enveloped Constitutionalists and sympathizers here early today over the possible fate of General Villa and his 12,000 rebels, who at last reports, were engaged in desperate fighting at Gomez Palacio, a suburb of Torreon. Not for two days has an authoritative word come from the front. Not even a courier has penetrated the desert between Torreon and Chihuahua.

News dispatches that the withdrawal in Mexico City had issued a bulletin that Villa was in full retreat were not generally believed, but no doubt they added to the worry of the rebel officers here. The fact that communication, which was coming freely during Villa's triumphant march southward, ceased soon after the attack on Gomez Palacio gave rise to misgivings in the hearts of the Constitutionalists, more than any other agency.

Defeat of Rebels Reported.

Washington, March 26.—The Mexican embassy received the following dispatch from Mexico City last night: "Rebels once more routed and repulsed at Gomez Palacio, with heavy losses, while trying to approach Torreon."

Federals to Take Offensive.

El Paso, Tex., March 26.—Alguil Diebold, inspector of Mexican consulates, exhibited messages from Mexico City, asserting the rebels were repulsed every time they had taken the offensive and had not even approached Torreon proper. It also was said the federals were about to take the offensive.

Artillery Duel Last Night.

Juarez, March 26.—At noon an official report said an intermittent artillery duel was carried on at Gomez Palacio during the night.

Rebels Win at Guerrero.

Zapata, Tex., via courier to Laredo, Tex., March 26.—Monday's battle at Guerrero near here, resulted in the defeat of the 800 federals under General Guardado. Guardado stationed 100 men on horses late at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and for three hours these men held their positions, most of them, possibly all, in ignorance that they were making a perilous stand. Meanwhile Guardado's main force retreated.

A federal sergeant who escaped to the United States was authority for the story of the retreat. He claimed Guardado attempted to sacrifice the lives of 100 men of the Twenty-ninth infantry to save the major portion of his command.

Terrazas Is Still Safe.

Douglas, Ariz., March 26.—Louis Terrazas, Jr., held captive by the Constitutionalists at Chihuahua, will not be executed in any circumstances, according to a statement made here by Roberto V. Pesquiera, a Washington representative of the insurgents who is in Douglas on official business.

In No Immediate Danger.

El Paso, Texas, March 26.—General Terrazas received a telegram from Chihuahua this afternoon stating his son was in no immediate danger.

THE WEATHER.

Probably snow
tonight and Fri-
day. Colder to-
night.

